

*Stated Meeting November 20, 1908.*

President KEEN in the Chair.

The decease was announced of Prof. William Keith Brooks, at Baltimore, on November 12, 1908, æt. 60.

The following papers were read:

"The Early History of the American Philosophical Society," by Mr. Joseph G. Rosengarten.

"The Recapitulation Theory of Embryologists," by Prof. Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr., which was discussed by President Keen, Prof. Kraemer, Prof. Doolittle, Prof. Pratt and Prof. Montgomery.

*Stated Meeting December 4, 1908.*

President KEEN in the Chair.

Prof. Edwin G. Conklin read an obituary notice of Prof. William Keith Brooks (see page iii).

The following papers were read:

"Astrology in Ancient Babylonia," by Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr. (see page 646), which was discussed by President Keen and Mr. Goodwin.

"On the Effect of a Radio-Active Mineral on Plant Growth," by Mr. Joseph Willcox.

Dr. John L. Shober exhibited some photographs made by radiations from radium and uraninite.

*Stated Meeting December 18, 1908.*

PRESIDENT KEEN IN THE CHAIR.

Professor Herbert Weir Smyth, a newly-elected member, was presented to the chair and took his seat in the Society.

A letter was read from the Geological Society of Glasgow stating that it would celebrate its jubilee on January 28, 1909, and inviting the Society to be represented thereat. The invitation was accepted and Sir William Turner, K.C.B., was appointed the Society's representative.